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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the Examiner the documents cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. No concession is made that this document is prior art, and applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the document as may be appropriate. Applicant requests that this document be made of record in the above-identified application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR 1.97(c). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

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In view of the above, applicant submits that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered under 37 CFR 1.97(c).

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